

ORMSBY COUNTY GRAND JURY WILL START INVESTIGATION

SHAW HAS EVIDENCE OF CRIME.
"I have enough evidence in my pocket at this very moment to send at least a dozen men to the penitentiary and before the business is ended there will be criminal prosecutions. This is a matter that does not concern us now; it is something which our attorneys will attend to and the people of Nevada may depend upon it that the guilty ones will be hunted down and prosecuted as their crimes deserve."—J. T. Shaw, chairman of Committee of Three on Rehabilitation, in an interview with the Reno Journal.

February 20th Is the Date Set for the Inquisitorial Body to Look Into the Affairs of the State Bank & Trust Company at Carson City.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 14.—At the request of District Attorney Roberts, Judge Langan set February 20th for a meeting of the Grand Jury to investigate the affairs of the conduct of the State Bank and Trust Company. Messrs. Shaw, Platt and Davis, who are representing the bank in re-organization, left tonight for Tonopah and Goldfield, where they will meet with depositors in the hope of immediately opening negotiations toward opening branches in both cities.

LOTS OF GOLD BUT NO FOOD

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—Lack of food is driving hundreds of miners from what is declared to be one of the richest prospects in Alaska, according to the statement of W. H. Merritt, who has just come out of the Sustna country. The location is 300 miles from Valdez and 150 miles from Fairbanks. The presence of gold was discovered last fall. Merritt says that men are getting out from \$20 to \$30 a pan and there is gold in unlimited quantities. He is here for the purpose of buying machinery and food. Laborers are paid \$12 and \$15 a day, but there is no use of any one going in without a supply of food sufficient to last several months, for when Merritt left there was not food enough at Valdez creek to last five men all summer. Merritt says that by next fall there will be from 10,000 to 15,000 men in the country. The pay streak runs for seven miles.

WINGFIELD AND NIXON CONTROL

CARSON CITY, Feb. 14.—A telegram has been received from Senator Nixon denying absolutely the reports sent out to the effect that he and George Wingfield were about to lose control of the Consolidated mines. The message reads: "There is absolutely no truth in any of the reports published in San Francisco and Nevada papers of last week nor has the matter been considered in reference to additional properties being taken in by Consolidated or the passing of the control and management from Nixon and Wingfield. Mr. Wingfield's trip East is purely for recreation, and we have absolute confidence in the management of Mr. MacKenzie."

PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO SECURE BONDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Exceeding the most optimistic predictions and indicating the strength of investment demand after the monetary crisis, \$50,000,000 issue of the New York City 4 1/2 per cent bonds, the largest lot ever offered for public subscription by the city, was oversubscribed six times today. No less than 1168 bids were made. The money obtained from the bonds is to be used for various corporate purposes.

FOUGHT TO A DRAW.
BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn and Fred Landers of San Francisco fought fifteen rounds to a draw tonight before the Eureka Athletic Club.

BUTTE BANK WILL RESUME.
BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 14.—The State Savings Bank here will resume business tomorrow morning. A new set of officers for the bank has been elected, the Heinze interests being completely eliminated.

All Signs Point to Return of Good Times

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A special dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle says that the nation is again on the high road to prosperity, shown by reports from all sections of the country. On every hand it is agreed that the depression following the financial flurry of last fall is a thing of the past and that the outlook is for a steadily increasing volume of business until normal conditions have been reached.

In some branches of trade prosperity in full measure has been recorded, and other lines show an improvement that promises satisfactory records at the close of the year. Following the end of the stringency in money comes an improvement in collections and corresponding facility of trade. It also has been demonstrated completely that the general public escaped the effects of the flurry. With more factories resuming operations every day the number of unemployed is decreasing and it is believed that before long an idle mill will be the exception. Chicago wholesalers report that country merchants are coming in with their shipping orders in greater numbers than a year ago. In almost every case they say that their stocks are low and must be replenished immediately to care for the demands of their customers.

The steel business, recognized as the barometer of trade in general, has shown a marked improvement within the last few weeks. Such articles as wire and nails, which get to the general public quicker than other products, are in great demand and the railroads are coming into the market for large quantities of supplies.

Building material is in better demand, not only steel but other commodities. The opening of the mills calls for increased sales of coal and transactions in provisions indicate that the public has not lost its appetite.

Even the luxuries of life, where business felt the depression the most, are in demand and those who prophesied a few weeks ago that the foundations of American prosperity were too firm to feel the effects of a temporary shortage of money are priding themselves on their acumen.

Reports received today from Chicago merchants and other cities were all characterized by the same hopeful tone. The general belief is that all danger of a period of hard times has disappeared.

"The outlook is for a bigger business, both in quality and in quantity than last year," said Walter D. Moody, business manager of the Chicago Association of Commerce. "I have been around the wholesale district a good deal lately and I find it is optimistic over the outlook for the spring business. I have had direct reports from many of the large houses and they all read the same. There are many merchants in town and they are coming in by every train. They are flocking to the wholesale houses and in practically every case they are buying freely."

"One of the best indications is the

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—More than 8000 buyers and business men from all over the country are now in New York with orders for goods of every variety for the spring and summer trade. The great influx of buyers was expected by the jobbing houses here, and is said by merchants to be an evidence of the return of confidence throughout the country. The general financial depression last fall and the consequent small amount of buying at that time has left merchants throughout the country short in their stocks, and for that reason the buyers are coming to New York earlier than usual.

Every hotel in New York that caters to the commercial trade is overcrowded and New York merchants are in a joyous mood at the prospect of an enormous spring trade.

At least 8000 out of town merchants and their representatives will buy goods here for the spring trade. Now the most experienced merchant in town will tell you that the average spent by each buyer is \$10,000. This practically means that, with the ordinary trade, \$80,000,000 will be spent in New York by the buyers for one spring trade.

Bradstreet and Dun Make Report

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—R. G. Dun and Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Industrial plants steadily decrease the percentage of idle machinery, especially in the steel trade.

Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Buyers of spring goods are more in evidence this week at all markets than at any time since last autumn. Buying thus far reported is lower than a year ago, and in some cases the decreases are very heavy. Despite the stand of union labor, wage reductions are being reported, while the number of unemployed is possibly the largest of the winter. Collections are still backward. Business failures in the United States for the week ending February 13th were 214 as against 272 last week. Canadian failures were 44, against 50 of last week.

WILL DIP TWO MILLION SHEEP

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 14.—With a view to stamping out sheep scabbies, Charles Keane, State veterinarian, with seventy-five assistants, will, under a proclamation to be issued very soon by the governor, require every sheep in the State to be dipped two times between March 1st and June 1st, next. It is estimated there are 2,000,000 sheep in California.

fact that collections are extremely good. This shows that the people generally have not been affected by financial troubles."

TOOK MONEY WHEN BANK WAS SHAKING.

"I believe that the management of the Rickey State Bank and Trust Company accepted deposits, even when the institution was known to be absolutely insolvent. One million, four hundred thousand dollars was the total of accounts held by the banks at the time they suspended business. Eight hundred thousand dollars in securities, I have been told, were traded since then."—D. MacKenzie in an interview with the Reno Journal. Mr. MacKenzie is the chief creditor of the Rickey banking concern.

TORNADO CARRIES DEATH IN ITS PATH

TYLER, Tex., Feb. 14.—A tornado swept over the principal residence portion of Tyler at 4 o'clock this morning, causing the death of four persons and the injury of six others. Twelve buildings were wrecked. The tornado came up from the southeast and tore a path through Tyler one hundred feet wide.

AMERICAN FLEET HAS BEEN SIGHTED

VALPARAISO, Feb. 14.—The fleet of American battleships, under Rear Admiral Evans, was sighted at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, off Point Curcumbilla Light.

HOME TELEPHONE PAYS NEAT SUM

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—The Home Telephone Company, which five years ago obtained a franchise under the Broughton act, then newly passed by the legislature, today paid into the city treasury the sum of \$14,588.71, representing 2 per cent of its gross earnings during the past year. The sum is the largest ever received by the city under the terms of the act.

SHREWD FUGITIVE OUTWITS OFFICER

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 14.—Advices from the north tonight state that Mosney, the fugitive whom the officers are looking for in connection with the murder of Robert Holmes, has completely outwitted the officers under Sheriff Shoemaker of Helena, and has effected his escape. The posmen have lost every clue of the Indian outlaw, who is believed to have made his way into civilization. There is a suspicion that a man seen riding on the cowcatcher of an engine into Cascade was Mosney.

TO DISFRANCHISE NEGRO VOTERS

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 14.—A constitutional amendment designed to disfranchise colored voters of the State, passed the Senate today. The measure will be submitted to the people for ratification at the general election in November, 1909. The amendment passed both Houses by a strict party vote, the Democrats num-

REPORT SHAH OF PERSIA MURDERED

(By Associated Press.)
VIENNA, Feb. 14.—A report is in circulation here that the Shah of Persia has been assassinated. No confirmation is obtainable here.

THE MARKET WAS PROFESSIONAL ONE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The stock market today was still regarded as largely made up of a contest between professional parties in speculation with very small outside participation. The contest was waged with varying fortunes and a good deal of obstinacy before each party obtained a decisive advantage. Bonds were firm.

INCREASE MODOC NATIONAL FOREST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation creating additions amounting to nearly 500,000 acres to the Modoc national forest in northeastern California. All lands put within the forest by this reclamation are in Modoc county, except a small area in the northern part of Lassen county.

RUEF'S CASE IS BEFORE COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—The afternoon session of the bribery graft proceedings against Abraham Ruef was taken up with an argument for the defense by Attorney Murphy and citations of authorities. The matter will come up again Monday morning. The prosecution is not yet ready.

GIVEN FIFTEEN YEARS IN FOLSOM

SAN JOSE, Feb. 14.—Judge Welch this afternoon sentenced George W. Laverty to fifteen years in Folsom for arson, having set his stable on fire several months ago. Several persons in a lodging house above the stable were burned in the fire.

INSTRUCTED TO REFUSE DEMAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the Marine Engineers' Association of San Francisco tonight, a committee was empowered to deal with the Ship Owners' Association, and instructed to refuse the demand made by the owners that the force of engineers on the steam schooners plying north of Crescent City and south of Point Concepcion, carry but two engineers instead of three, as heretofore. The result of this action will doubtless be a lockout of engineers of the association tomorrow.

TWO SEPARATE SHOCKS RECORDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Two separate earthquake shocks were recorded on the seismograph at Cheltenham, Md., the magnetic observatory of the Coast and Geological Survey. The first shock was of moderate magnitude, but the second was of a magnitude more than the requisite three-fifths majority. It provides for an educational or property qualification.

VESSEL BREAKS IN TWO

THE EMILY REED GOES ASHORE AND TEN LIVES ARE LOST.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—The American ship Emily Reed, 103 days out from Newcastle, Australia, for Portland, Ore., with a cargo of coal, went ashore at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the mouth of Nehalem river, on the Oregon coast, and broke in two. The crew was swept overboard by the seas, and ten lost their lives. Six were saved, including Captain Kissel and wife. Twenty-five per cent reinsurance was quoted on the ship.

The survivors were brought to the bay city this morning and are now quartered at the private residences of that town. During the past few days heavy weather has been prevailing off the Oregon and California coasts. The chronometers of the Emily Reed were off and the master worked her too close into shore before he discovered his error. The ship struck the beach bow on. There was a heavy sea running and a strong flood tide. When she hit the beach her back broke and the forward end took a list to port. An effort was made to launch a lifeboat, and it was put over the side with three men in it. As soon as it hit the water it was swamped and the occupants drowned. The men forward were swept overboard by the waves. At a late hour this afternoon scarcely anything was left of the once famous ship. Her coal cargo was strewn along the beach. It is doubtful whether any of it can be saved.

SAYS PLAGUE IS NOT YET ENDED

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 14.—Dr. N. K. Foster, secretary of the State Board of Health, upon his return from San Francisco, where he attended a meeting of the officials from several counties and helped organize the Central California Sanitary Commission, said: "If the people don't get in and work there will be a fresh outbreak of the plague this spring that may result in a quarantine being placed on the State or sections of the State. All indications point to an outbreak of more cases in the spring. The plague is not at an end; three's only one way to end it, and that is to clean up the filth and kill the rats."

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE QUILTS

(By Associated Press.)
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 14.—The student affairs committee, consisting of Professor Durand Kellogg, Cathcart, Newcomer and Foster, who have supervision of all student affairs, resigned today. It was stated there was no friction with the university authorities, but that recent rulings of the board of trustees required that the committee should give too much of its time to the supervision of students. President Jordan will announce a new committee on Monday.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA HAS SAFE VOYAGE

(By Associated Press.)
PUERTO MONT, Chile, Feb. 14.—The United States torpedo destroyer flotilla arrived at this place today after a safe and pleasant voyage through the channel from the Straits of Magellan along the coast of Chile. Attorney Walter Cole leaves this morning for Rhyolite.